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STATEMENT BY
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE
FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH
HIS EXCELLENCY BALTHAZAR JOHANNES VORSTER
PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE RHODESIAN DELEGATION
AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE
PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA
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I reported to Mr. Smith the propositions developed jointly by the United States and the United Kingdom in close consultation with the presidents of black Africa. Mr. Smith and his colleagues considered these propositions, and they have now returned to Salisbury. I am satisfied that Mr. Smith and his three close collaborators will report favorably to their other colleagues. After consultation with their colleagues, they will have to present these propositions to their party caucus. While the Rhodesian institutional processes are taking place, I will seek certain clarifications from the presidents of black Africa, particularly President Kaunda and President Nyerere. We expect that this process of clarification and consultation will be concluded towards the end of this week.

Thank you very much.

QUESTION: Mr. Secretary, could you tell us whether you feel more hopeful about the possibility of a breakthrough towards majority rule in Rhodesia now that you've spent eight hours in conversation with Prime Minister Smith?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I think my statement speaks for itself and obviously if progress had not been made there would be nothing to report to the Rhodesian cabinet.

QUESTION: Is it only progress, sir, or do you think you are nearing a breakthrough?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: I believe that my statement speaks for itself.

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